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EXAMINING GROUP 3724**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of: Grant

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FOR: Gas Trimmer Cutting Line

Group Art Unit: 3724

Examiner: Prone, Jason D.

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In response to the Second Official Action dated September 25, 2002, please amend the above-identified patent application and give consideration to the following remarks as follows:

**I. In the Specification:**

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 7, with the following rewritten paragraph:

– Standard trimmer line for a grass trimmer is wound around a spool within a trimmer head housing, such as illustrated in U.S. Patent 5,623,765. The line is dispensed from the housing through one or more holes in the housing. A length of line extends from the housing and is spun by the trimmer at a high speed to cut grass or other vegetation. As the vegetation is trimmed, the line wears and shortens. Additional line is dispensed from the housing to restore the exposed line to the desired length for trimming. The mechanism for dispensing includes a spool within the housing which must rotate to unwind additional line and must then lock in place to permit trimming. Because of the requirements of high speed rotation, spooling and dispensing,